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SUBJECT: REBUILDING THE LEBANESE ARMY: US ASSISTANCE

REF: DAMASCUS 4229, STATE 155131

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING JULY 10 BETWEEN ASSAD AND CODEL HAMILTON, LATTER MENTIONED THAT CONGRESS WOULD BE FACING REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO ARM THE LEBANESE ARMY. ASSAD STATED THAT HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IF US GIVES MILITARY AID TO EQUIP THE LEBANESE ARMY. HE SAID IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE THAT ANY STATE SHOULD BE WITHOUT AN ARMY. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE THE FORCE NECESSARY TO ENSURE SECURITY.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION JULY 8 COS SHIHABI RAISED NEWS REPORTS OF POSSIBLE U.S. ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON WITH DATT AND COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED SYRIA WOULD WELCOME SUCH ASSISTANCE IN REBUILDING LEBANON'S ARMY. IN HIS VIEW THIS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. SYRIA HAD ALREADY OFFERED LEBANESE ADVICE AND
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"OTHER THINGS", BUT LEBANESE HAD YET TO ACCEPT.
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